

## **Proclamation Text: Houston Humane Society**

Since 1958, the Houston Humane Society has helped abused, neglected and abandoned animals in the Houston community through pet adoptions, humane education, animal cruelty investigations and high-quality, low-cost medical care.

The Houston Humane Society has remained a beacon of light during Houston's most turbulent and uncertain times. When the citizens of Greater Houston experienced financial hardships from the coronavirus pandemic, they began a program providing free pet food and supplies to keep families and their pets together and out of the shelter. The program evolved into drive-through style community events, a monthly assistance program, delivery of pet food and veterinary care to homebound seniors, free spay/neuter, vaccinations and flea/heartworm prevention to pet owners in need.

Since the start of its Pet Pantry, the Houston Humane Society has hosted hundreds of events that have been held across Harris and surrounding counties, providing over 2.5 million pet meals to 22,000 households. Striving to keep pet homelessness down, they provide low-cost or free spay and neuter services to the community. To this end, it is able to provide over 10,000 spay/neuter surgeries per year, thereby preventing unwanted litters and pets from roaming Houston's streets.

On February 1, 2022, the Houston Humane Society will be recognized for its decades of service to the Houston community. The City of Houston commends and appreciates the Houston Humane Society to helping create and provide safe and nurturing environments for animals, as well as providing to Houstonians in need, and extends best wishes for its continued success.

Therefore, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim February 1, 2022, as,

**Houston Humane Society Day**

in Houston, Texas.

